

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Cook Soil and Water Conservation District FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- A. Forest management -Forest management practices on property that has an existing forest stewardship plan.
- B. Habitat Improvement -Establishment of permanent vegetative cover using plant materials native to Northeastern MN.
- C. Trout stream improvement
- D. Prevention and control of invasive plant species in Cook County.
- E. Crop protection
- F. Deer predation on tree plantings

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

- A. Water resource protection and soil erosion within the Flute Reed watershed.
- B. Forest management practices within the Devils Track watershed
- C. Water Resource protection and soil erosion in the Cascade River Watershed.

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Habitat Improvement, practices Forest Stand Improvement (666), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), or Critical Area Planting (342) using plant materials native to NE MN

Forest Management, practices on lands that have an existing Forest Stewardship Plan

Trout stream improvement practices Filter Strip (393), Nutrient Management (590), Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Stream Crossing (578), Use Exclusion (472), Wetland Restoration (657), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), or Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) within 200 feet of a designated trout stream. within 200 feet of a designated trout stream

Soil Erosion and Water Resource Protection within the Flute Reed River, Devils Track River, and Cascade River watersheds.

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

Habitat Improvement-Application will result in the installation of practices: Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), or Critical Area Planting (342) using plant materials native to NE MN. 8 points

Habitat Improvement-Trout stream improvement application will result in the installation of practices Filter Strip (393), Nutrient Management (590), Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Stream Crossing (578), Use Exclusion (472), Wetland Restoration (657), Tree/Shrub

Establishment (612), or Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) within 200 feet of a designated trout stream. 7 points
Forest Management-Application will result in the installation of eligible EQIP practices on land that has an existing Forest Stewardship Plan. 7 points

Soil Erosion and Water Resource Protection- Application will result in the installation of practices Nutrient Management (590), Diversion (362), Grade Stabilization (490), Grassed Waterway (412), Water and Sediment Control Basin (638), Well Decommissioning (351), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Filter Strip (393), Pest Management (595), Comprehensive Nutrient Management (100), Use Exclusion in riparian areas (472), Field Borders (386) Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Diversion (362), Roof Runoff (558) within the Flute Reed River watershed. 6 points

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5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal exactly 40 points.
6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.
7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document.

Delete practice 402 Dam and 378 pond on sites with watershed areas exceeding 40 acres.

Delete practice Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647)

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date